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The second day out he accosted the skipper, Master Jabez Elves, and wished him fair weather and a good day with an insinuating accent which betokened a bent for conversation. But Master Elves replied only with a nautical grunt.

Jarrat tried a direct inquiry. "Where is the Marquis de la Trouerie?"

"Sick," replied the skipper. "In his cabin," and rolled away.

"Ah," smiled Jarrat. "Our French gentleman is a poor sailor."

But as the days went by it became certain that the distinguished passenger was ill of a less passing malady than mal de mer.

On an evening the captain pushed open a narrow cabin door at the end of a passage, but before he could enter a young man sprang up and barred the way.

"I would see the Marquis de la Trouerie," said Jarrat.

"You cannot see him, monsieur. The young man's tone was very firm.

"Who are you?"

"The marquis's secretary, monsieur."

Jarrat took a gold crown from his pocket and offered it to the other with the easy effrontery of one perfectly certain of his ground. Every understanding, it was his belief, had his price, from lackeys to prime ministers. It is a theory which on the whole works not badly.

The man before him, however, was of another sort. He put the coin back. "You cannot see the marquis, monsieur," he repeated.

"Cannot, you whisper?" said Jarrat, with his tongue on his lip and in the soft tone which with him covered a white hot of rage. A copper lantern, pierced with holes, threw yellow beams down the passage, and in this glare the young man on the threshold saw his face, evilly beautiful and distorted. The coin rattled on the floor.

The young Frenchman stooped to pick up a gold piece. "Monsieur has dropped his crown," he said, holding it out.

Jarrat took it and thrust it into his pocket. "It was too small a denouement," he said easily, "oh, master secretary?"

Most of those on the ship did not know, so insular were the prejudices of the Anglo-Saxon, that the Marquis de la Trouerie was a personage in his own country. Even Caron de Beaumarchais, son of a watchmaker, that airy, naive, fantastic charlatan who at the age of twenty-four had washed his hands at his father's shop, changed his clothes and gone to court to give the four daughters of Louis XV. lessons on the harp—even he was less welcome at the Tuileries or less a favorite of the young Queen Marie Antoinette than this some nobleman now aboard the Two Sisters.

It is perhaps not to be wondered at that the passengers knew little of such things and doubtless for the most part cared less. Two Annapolis merchants, loyal since the nonimportation agreements had pinched their pockets; a brace of London factors looking for likely agencies; a Virginian fresh from study in the Middle Temple, bound for the woolstack at Lancaster; a British quartermaster journeying to Boston—what should such a company know of Gallic pedigrees or the chatter of the French court?

A diplomat might have found in the presence of the marquis something to ponder. For at that time strange things were stirring. Louis XVI., young, enthusiastic, unaccustomed, was learning for the first how exceeding difficult it is to be a king. M. Turgot, his grim old minister of finance, logical, pitiless, cold as a dog's nose, was pulling one way; Beaumarchais, brilliant as a chameleon, fascinating, egotist, intimate of a French queen, was pulling another.

And what was the bone of contention? Whether France should give her treasure to the secret aid of the American colonies. With such counsels in the air England slept, like a surly bulldog, with one eye open. She watched at home, and her astute ambassador, Lord Stormont, kept a hawk's eye upon the Tuileries.

So, in itself, there was an interest for those who knew, attaching to the sudden journeying to America of this man, so near to the French counsels, at once a noble, a courtier and a republican. And this interest was intensified for Jarrat, who, mindful of the letter he carried of confidential import, hugged the reflection that he knew the reason for it.

Jarrat, like many another schemer, made the error of undervaluing the intellectuality of an opponent. He had small idea that the marquis's young secretary was observant in his turn. It was nevertheless the fact. But M. Armand, who had scented him very early, kept his cabin, and no one aboard the ship carried no leech—saw his master.

Four days after the episode of the gold crown Jarrat tried the skipper again.

Master Elves chuckled a bitter end and wore a habitual droop to his eye. Now the courtesy came as thickly as cold weather treacle.

"The Marquis de la Trouerie," he answered, "ain't on the ship."



"You cannot see him."

Jarrat stepped back heavily. "Not on the ship, fend plague me! He is on the ship."

"Mayhap ye know better nor I," answered Master Elves shortly. Jarrat burst out laughing. He felt a sudden contempt for this clumsy subtlety.

"A brave conclusion!" he cried. "And how long is it to last? Is the noble gentleman to be shamming Abraham in his cabin till we sight the Virginia capes? Awhile ago he was sick, guarded from all our prying eyes by his argus-eyed clerk. Now, behold, he is not even aboard! Oh, an accomplished nobleman!"

The skipper squinted out to sea, and a drawn pucker came to his lips.

"See here," said Jarrat, his tone taking edge. "I have business with this gentleman, and I'll not be put off. This is the eighth day out, and he hasn't shown his nose out of his cabin. 'Tis my opinion he's no more sick than I am."

"No more is he," said Master Elves. "What then?"

"Just this: I want to see the marquis, and I mean to see the marquis. D'ye hear that, you lumpkin? 'Twill be better for you, I can tell you, if you fetch me to him at once!"

The skipper's moment had arrived. "Fetch ye to him!" he roared, with something between an oath and a chuckle. "The man ye're after died two days ago and was sent to the fishes last night! Fetch ye to him! Haw, haw!"

With this parting shot he went off spitting furiously.

"Dead!" exclaimed Jarrat, with sagging jaw, staring after him. "Dead!" he said again, and then stood, vacant eyed, his face the dead color of elmgrin in which calculation has had no time to slip.

(To Be Continued.)

Every republican in Paducah and the incorporated towns of the district should register on next Tuesday, October 4th.

OPINION TOMORROW.

Judge D. L. Sanders, in the police court, will tomorrow morning render his opinion in the case against Manager J. E. English, of the Kentucky Theater, for giving performances Sunday. The opinion will likely be oral, and there will no doubt be a large crowd out to hear it.

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The Henry Harley left at 8 a. m. for Cairo with a good trip.

The Tennessee arrived last evening from Tennessee river.

The Charleston is due tomorrow from Tennessee river.

The Bob Dudley left last evening for Evansville and is due again Sunday.

The Royal arrived from Gokonda this morning and left again this afternoon.

Capt. Henry Smith went to Gilbertsville today on business.

Capt. Oscar Barnett, of Cincinnati, was in the city today and went up to the quarries on the Ohio river on his towboat, the Gondola.

Capt. Joe Fowler says that he cannot express his regret at selling the Dick Fowler, but that there is one thing he cannot part with, her whistle. Since 1870 that whistle has been heard nearly every day between Paducah and Cairo, and it will continue to be, for Capt. Fowler will keep the whistle when he sells the boat. He intends to hear that whistle as long as he lives, he declares.

The new and handsome towboat Nugent will make her trial trip in a few days at Louisville.

None but the lightest draught boats are running on the Ohio now.

W. S. Overstreet, engineer in charge of Pond river, a navigable branch of Green river, working under the United States engineer at Louisville, has decided to prosecute any person who hereafter violates the law by obstructing Pond river.

Among those coming from Pittsburg on the Little Joe are Capt. Harry Black, John and James McDavid, Robert Holden, Frank Wilkins, James Harper and Lew Speer. Capt. Harvey Robb and George Foreman will board the launch at New Cumberland, W. Va.

Bids were opened in the office of Col. G. J. Lydecker, United States engineer, at Cincinnati Tuesday, for the construction of the dam and locks at Culm's Riffle. All bids were in the neighborhood of \$810,000. When the awards are granted the work will be commenced immediately.

Capt. Peter Arnold died in Evansville a few days ago, aged 81.

The Vernie Mack will be raised at Vicksburg and put on the marine ways here for repairs.

The Corwin H. Spencer is in the winter excursion business between New Orleans and the jetties.

The Avalon is in the Madison and Cincinnati trade.

Matthews S. Priest died at Steubenville Tuesday, aged 84. During the civil war he was a river engineer and volunteered as engineer of union boats that occasionally ran the blockade at Grand Gulf and Vicksburg.

Captain Jule T. Calhoun, of the Diamond Jo line, is to pilot the steamer Ten Broeck, which is due southbound soon. She will tow ties on the Tennessee river and in taking down two new barges from Davenport, built by Tom Isherwood of that city, for this towing work. Captain Calhoun will return when he has gotten her safely to the Tennessee.—Burlington Hawk Eye.

Dick Penn, of the Benton road, injured his right hand while chopping wood with a companion. The axe descended on his right hand and split the index finger from the end to the hand. The injury was dressed by Drs. Rotertson and Hoyor.

AGENT GONE

HE DISAPPEARED SEVERAL DAYS AGO AT MOUNDS, ILL.

The Cairo Bulletin says: "A. H. Plomons, for the past four years ticket agent for the Illinois Central railroad company at Mounds, Ill., and also agent for the American Express company, has been missing from that city since Monday night and his whereabouts are unknown."

"He left home Monday evening telling his wife that he was going to Cairo to see the performance of 'The Tenderfoot' at the opera house. He failed to return to Mounds Tuesday and it was learned from a conductor that he had gone to Martin, Tenn., since which time he has not been seen."

"When Plomons failed to return to Mounds the railroad officials took charge of the office and began an investigation. J. J. Hester, auditor for the road, was sent from Chicago and D. K. Brown, auditor for the American Express company joined him in his investigation. It is claimed they have already discovered shortages amounting to nearly \$1,000 and are still engaged in checking up the accounts."

"Plomons has been employed at Mounds by the railroad company the past four years and he was believed to be upright and honest, but it is stated that since his disappearance it is learned that he spent considerable time at the gaming table. He has one child and his wife residing at Mounds."

Republicans, do not fail to register Tuesday, October 4th, 6 a. m. to 9 p. m.

STOLE THE SHOES.

Mrs. Matt Quisenberry, who runs a store at Fourteenth and Burnett streets, was dragged and thrown down early last evening by an unknown negro who came in and purchased a pair of shoes and attempted to leave without paying for them.

Mrs. Quisenberry seized him to hold him until she could get help, but he ran, and being large and strong dragged her towards the door and escaped, throwing Mrs. Quisenberry down as he leaped out the door. He escaped with the shoes and the police have been unable to find him. Mrs. Quisenberry had an arm wrenched, but otherwise was uninjured.

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